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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO 25TH CPSU CONGRESS

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED FEB 22 DEPARTURE OF MOZAMBIQUE DELEGATION TO 25TH CONGRESS OF CPSU. DELEGATION HEADED BY INFORMATION MINISTER JORGE REBELO, AND INCLUDED JOAQUIM MUNHEPE, FRELIMO CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MEMBER OF ARMED FORCES GENERAL STAFF.

2. SPEAKING TO PRESS ON DEPARTURE, REBELO STATED THAT GPRM (MORE CORRECTLY FRELIMO) PARTICIPATION AT CONGRESS FOLLOWS FROM THE SOLIDARITY MAINTAINED BETWEEN FRELIMO AND CPSU. REBELO ADDED THAT FRELIMO HAS PARTICIPATED IN PRACTICALLY ALL THE CONGRESSES OF THE CPSU, AND NOTED THAT FRELIMO PARTICIPATION PERMITS FRELIMO TO LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES OF THIS BROTHER PEOPLE. HE ADDED THAT THE USSR WAS ONE OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN "ON OUR SIDE" AND NEVER HESITATED IN SUPPORTING FRELIMO. REBELO STATED THAT EVEN WHEN THERE WAS A  
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CRISIS WITHIN FRELIMO, WITH TWO DIVERGING "LINES," THE USSR

"ALWAYS TOOK A CORRECT POSITION" AND SUPPORTED THE CAUSE OF THE PEOPLE RATHER THAN THE REACTIONARIES. (REBELO ALLUDES TO THE 1969-1970 POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN FRELIMO IN WHICH MACHEL OUSTED URIA SIMANGO.) REBELO NOTED THAT RESULTING FROM THAT SUPPORT, RELATIONS WERE CONSOLIDATED ON THE BASIS OF "COMMON IDEOLOGY."

3. COMMENT: REBELO IS IN THE INNER CIRCLE OF PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL'S ADVISORS AND ONE OF THE LEADING IDEOLOGUES WITHIN FRELIMO. HIS STATEMENTS CLEARLY REFLECT BOTH HIS BELIEF, AS WELL (WE BELIEVE) THE BELIEF OF MACHEL AND SOME OF THE MORE RADICAL RULING ELEMENTS, THAT FRELIMO DOES SHARE A COMMON IDEOLOGY WITH THE USSR. BOTH THIS VISIT, AS WELL AS PREVIOUS FRELIMO VISITS TO COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESSES SUCH AS THE RECENT PCI CONGRESS, CLEARLY ILLUSTRATE THAT FRELIMO'S BRAND OF SOCIALISM IS "SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM" AND THAT THE ONLY FRATERNAL PARTIES ARE COMMUNIST PARTIES PLUS A HANDFUL OF RADICAL AFRICAN PARTIES INCLUDING PAIGC, MPLA, MLSTP, PDG, PCT AND (THE ODD MAN OUT) TANU.  
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